

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Perishable Cargo Complex at Hyderabad

*545. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Perishable Cargo Complex (new) at Hyderabad Airport has been completed and the Complex is ready for handing over to the Airports Authority of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the APSTC had requested for the entrustment of the management of Perishable Cargo Complex to APSTC by the AAI; and

(d) the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) A Centre for Perishable Export Cargo has been set up at Hyderabad Airport by Airports Authority of India (AAI) with technical and financial assistance from Agricultural and Processed Foods Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) with a capacity of 17 metric tonnes of perishable cargo at a time.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. In accordance with the Government policy to encourage private participation in airport handling, AAI had invited open tenders for entrusting operation, management and maintenance of this facility. Andhra Pradesh State Trading Corporation (APSTC), who was one of the bidders, has emerged as the successful tenderer. A letter of intent has already been issued by AAI to APSTC on 12.4.2001.

Filling-up of vacant posts of Phone Mechanics in BSNL

†*546. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of phone mechanics vacant in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited as on 31st March, 2001;

(b) the number of such employees who have completed the

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